

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Jervant et al.  
Serial No. : 10/055,897  
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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING A BENDING-RESISTANT,  
ELONGATED BODY AND AN ARRANGEMENT FOR A  
BENDING-RESISTANCE, ELONGATED BODY  
Examiner : Hughes, T.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Entry of the amendment shown on the attached Replacement Sheets prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Please cancel claims <sup>13</sup>1-15 and add new claims <sup>14 31</sup>16-33.

**REMARKS**

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated August 31, 2001 received in the parent case.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 13-15 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,487,518 to Hopfeld. The Examiner states that Hopfeld teaches a method of producing a bending-resistant, elongated body comprising all of the elements of these claims.